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Thanks

.. again, to our trivia team for their dedication ... and to every parent and sponsor who supported this fund-raising initiative.
.. to those parents who have already put their hand up to help with next week's year 4 hockey tournament
.. to those who have already purchased tickets to this year's school production.

People of the week

.. our AIMS GAMES people ... See end of newsletter

Good luck ... to our Northland Cross Country representatives who race next Thursday at the Dargaville Race Course.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

16 September	Northland Hockey Festival
18 September	Northland Cross Country Championships
22/23 Sept	School production
26 September	Final day of term 3

Some reminders from the last newsletter

.. Calf Club Day has been scheduled for Thursday 23 October.
.. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of the headlice problem.
.. Please ensure your children open car doors carefully in the upper carpark
.. vegetarian sausages now available for order on a Wednesday
.. our second New Entrant class starts next week.

First day of the 2015 school year

For those needing to plan ahead we can advise that the Board has set Monday 2 February is the first day of the 2015 school year.

The Wizard of Middle Earth

Tickets are on sale from the office at a price of \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for children, free for children under 2 ... for performances starting 7:00 PM 22 and 23 September ... or 12:30 PM 23 September for the matinee performance.
This is something you don't want to miss.
Extended family and friends welcome!

Car restraints

Schools are receiving reports of children travelling in vehicles to and from school without safety restraints. Parents are reminded of the absolute importance of ensuring that children are correctly restrained ... this is a legal requirement and a fundamental duty of care.

Pick up from bus stops

If you pick your children up from their bus stop at a particular time, and are likely to be later than usual, please contact the school office. In most cases we can hold the child at school for you. This is preferable to your child waiting at the roadside for any extended period. We know that sometimes things happen and will help out where we can.

Middle School – Hockey Festival – Kensington Park

.. will be attended this year by year 4 students only (not year 5 and 6 regular players as advised last week). Children will travel to Kensington Park by bus shortly after 9:00 AM, returning by 3:00 PM. **Please return any outstanding consents to school on Monday.** Children are required to bring their Matarau T-shirts, warm clothing, suitable foot wear, mouth and shin guards if you have these, and spending money at your discretion. Any questions (or if able to assist) please contact Mr Schuster.

Pubertal Change Meeting (Year 7 and 8)

Please discuss, sign and return workbooks to school each day. If we can help in any way with discussions, please feel free to contact Mr Delemare or Mrs Donaldson.

2015 Senior School Camp

A notice was sent home with our Year 6's & 7's this week regarding attendance at next year's Senior Camp. To enable us to finalise details, please return the form as soon as possible.

Year 6 Students

... received a brochure on our Year 7 & 8 programme along with the above camp letter. Any questions about this to Mr D please. Information evening coming up.

Out of zone places

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2015 as follows ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current and former students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priority 6)

.. five places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priority 6)

Application forms are available from the school office.

Scholastic Books

Issue 6 orders and payments were due in today. If you have not yet ordered, please ensure your order is at school by Monday 15 September.

Home Gardens

Parents please email photos of progress with gardens to sabbot@matarau.school.nz.

Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Player of the Day"



Mini Sticks
Susie

Te Reo Phrase of the Week

Nā wai tēnei pene rākau? *Whose pencil is this?*

Nā James tēnei pene rākau. *This is James' pencil.*

Finally

Over recent weeks our school production has gathered momentum. Not only are school productions an opportunity to teach the fine and performing arts, they are also an opportunity to study all the elements of story in ways that are truly authentic and memorable. Children study plot, character, setting, dialogue, visual language and dramatic technique. They sing individually, and in concert, and understand what it means to reach deadlines and to work as a team. Because all this happens in the context of something much bigger than any of them individually, and because they actually get to share it with audiences, the learning value is hugely greater than learning from a text book. But perhaps most of all, school productions are an opportunity to find hidden talents, spark new passions and simply to have some fun together.

See you there!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Fund Raising Opportunity

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account, between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for their local school. This is a good opportunity to raise some money for our school.

Community Notices

For Rent – Matarau area, modern 3 bedrm house plus sleepout, double lockup garage and kent fire, \$300pw. Ph 4335715

Hurupaki Educare - September/October Holiday Programme 2014 - We are opening on Monday 29th September to Friday 10th October = 10 days, 8.00am to 5.30pm, based in the Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include trips to ten pin bowling, movies x 2, party days, WAGS and international day, along with other action packed days. The programme is OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance – conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view and download forms go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz for more information.

Action Zone Kidz Camp – 28th Sep – 3rd Oct, Marsden Bay Christian Camp, Ruakaka. Wide variety of activities – Motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox, archery, slug guns, pancake making, trust course, sports rounds, and much more. For further info ph 094380333 or actionzonecamps@gmail.com

Northland Baseball Rally Day - September 21st, Tikipunga Sports Park, 11.00am - 12.30pm. Season runs for Term 4 on Monday afternoons from 4pm. Fees \$35 for the term. All ages welcome, boys and girls. Fun, informal environment. Individual entries welcome, or get together your own team of 8. Year 1-6 4pm-5pm. Year 7 up 5pm - 6pm. For more information contact Paul Allen on 027 321 2041 or visit our facebook page, alternatively you can email northlandbaseball@gmail.com

MIDDLE/SENIOR PRODUCTION 2014

This term the Middle and Senior School will be performing an original production "The Wizard of Middle Earth". We are well into production practice and would love some community support.

Feathers Wanted - PLEASE!

Long feathers, turkey tail feathers are ideal, for kapa haka portion of the production performance. Please bring to the office.



Evening performances are 22nd and 23rd September with a matinee on the 23rd as well.

Any other inquiries to Simon Schuster at sschuster@matarau.school.nz

Alternatively please call us at school or drop by.



Michelle Crawford - Gymnastics



Caleb Smith – Multi-Sports

AIMS GAMES

Well done on amazing performances against tough opposition, especially Michelle who achieved 5th = overall



Natasha Hewson – Cross Country